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DRILLING RIG SUBSTRUCTURE

**ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73
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Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of record of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment being concurrently filed herewith in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as set forth below, hereby elects, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventor.

The Assignee hereby revokes any previous Powers of Attorney and appoints the attorneys associated with Customer Number 23369 including J. Dean Lechtenberger, Reg. No. 34,859; Gregory A. Duffey, Reg. No. 42,501; Tyler VanHoutan, Reg. No. 54,506; and R. Scott Reese, Reg. No. 47,891, each an attorney with the law firm of Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP, for so long as they remain with such firm, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, to receive the Letters Patent document,

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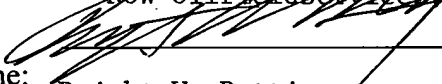
and for one year after the issuance of such Letters Patent to file any request for a certificate of correction that may be deemed appropriate.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents, specifically the Assignment to National-Oilwell, L.P., and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

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